



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Information Literacy Month

WHEREAS, information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving information-rich world; and

WHEREAS, the ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision making across all fields of work and walks of life, and enhances one's ability to obtain highly skilled jobs and compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, individuals adept at utilizing information resources available are able to share, participate and compete as informed citizens and life-long learners in the worldwide community; and


WHEREAS, information literacy is a crucial part of education and individuals should be exposed to literacies, analytics, and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies and the complex information world; and

WHEREAS, using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and


WHEREAS, through public awareness, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2012 as Information Literacy Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 10th day of September, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor